



McLaughlin School District # 15-2

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July 16, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019
CC Docket No. 02-6, McLaughlin School District 15-2, Billed Entity # 134277
Form 471 # 191039919 (Certified on April 1, 2019)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The McLaughlin School District 15-2 ("District") respectfully petitions the FCC for a waiver of the March 27, 2019 deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for E-rate Funding Year 2019.

The District submitted and certified FCC Form 471 #191039919 on April 1, 2019 which is five (5) days past the deadline. We were unable to meet the March 27th filing deadline due to posting our Form 470 on March 1, 2019. In order to comply with the 28-day bidding period, we had to wait until March 29, 2019 to evaluate proposals, select the most cost-effective bidder, negotiate and sign an agreement and then submit our form 471 application.

We were late in posting our establishing Form 470 due to a medical emergency that my father experienced this spring. My father struggled with cancer for many years, but his health took a grave turn for the worse, and he passed away on March 31, 2019. His obituary is enclosed. During the late winter and spring, I was out of the office frequently trying to spend as much time with my father as I could. Unfortunately, I was unable to keep up with the E-rate deadlines. There was no one else in my school who was familiar with E-rate and who could file the required forms. I completed the forms as promptly as I could under the circumstances.

Until recently I was not aware that a request for waiver of the deadline had to be filed and had not yet been filed.

We are aware that in previous years, the FCC has waived the Form 471 deadline for forms submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline. We believe that our request presents extenuating circumstances that support the waiver as being in the public interest.

We hope the FCC will consider this request to be in the public interest and will grant our waiver and treat our application as having been timely filed in the Form 471 window, and will require USAC to process the application as though it had been timely submitted by the Form 471 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Kesling Funeral Home

Gerald "Gus" Walther

(November 24, 1944 - March 31, 2019)

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Funeral services for Gerald "Gus" Walther age 74 of Mobridge will be 10:30 AM Friday, April 5, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, April 4, 2019 begin at 2:00 PM with a prayer service at 5:30 PM at Kesling Funeral Home. Gerald passed away Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Sanford Health in Bismarck, ND.

Gerald (Gus) was born in Mobridge, SD on 11/22/1944. Gus passed away on March 31, 2019 at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, ND following a lengthy battle with cancer. While his official name was Gerald, family and friends knew him as Gus.

Gerald married Sherrie (Shillingstad) Walther December 1971. Gus and Sherrie had two sons, Brian and Corey. Gus had a special place in his heart for nieces Wendy & Kim and nephew Jason.

In 1972 Gus and family moved to Rapid City, SD where he was employed as a house painter for D & S Painting. In 1975 Gus and Sherrie returned to Mobridge and he partnered with friend Rory Godkin to continue a painting business. In 1977 Gus and Rory contracted with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for ground and facility maintenance. His son Brian was his greatest helper and runner. You would find Brian and his numerous helpers (nieces, nephews & neighborhood kids) during summer months on the bumper grabbing and slinging trash bags into the back of his truck. Many hours were spent cleaning the comfort stations and the fish cleaning areas.

Gus was an avid outdoorsman. He shared his passion for hunting and fishing with numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren and friends. He felt great pride in mentoring and guiding them to love the outdoors as much as he did. Gus will always be remembered for teaching young family and friends the skills and joy of hunting and fishing. His family was his pride and joy. Having his sons, grandchildren and family near was always a blessing to him.

Gus is survived by his wife Sherrie and sons Brian (Melissa) Walther of Mobridge, Corey, Mapleton, ND; seven grandchildren Scott (Natalie) Walther of Fargo, ND; Amanda (Zach) Block of Selby, SD; Robert & Mark of Mobridge, SD; Rylee, Caylee & Cadence of Mapleton, ND; four great-grandchildren AshLee, Christina, Carter and Emma Block of Selby, SD; brother Gordon Walther of Pasco, Washington; Shirley Rieger of Puyallup, Washington; Gene Fraiser of Topeka, KS; and one great grandson that will arrive in July.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents Alex and Olive Walther; sisters Faye Krein, Linda Thoreson & Phyllis Shillingstad and brother Dale.